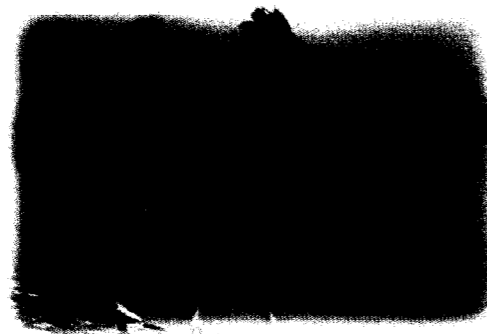


BIRD TRACKS

Keeping track of the bird species found at the preserve, or cataloging them, is one of the roles of the local Red Rock Audubon Society. Every year since December of 1967 their members have conducted a "Christmas Count" of the birds. This count helps to define the birds who live in the preserve on a permanent basis. The permanent bird species live here because they are native to our area or have decided to set up housekeeping where the climate is warm and the food is plentiful all year round (Smart birds!).

Many birds stop by the Bird Preserve on their way to other winter or summer destinations. This movement from one climate to another is called "migration." Our large lagoons and ponds of water attract migrating birds. The birds moving south in the fall are heading toward Mexico or Central America. They usually use different routes in the springtime to return to the north. As a result we see very different groups of birds in the spring and fall.

Between the permanent bird population and the migratory visitors, the Audubon society has sighted, tracked, and documented over 200 bird species at the preserve.



Greater Roadrunner

BIRD VIEWING

The City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for scheduling tours, staffing tour guides and managing the Bird Preserve.

Public access to the Henderson Bird Preserve is available daily from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Following the mapped trails you'll find several observation stations with benches and signage available for the convenience of bird watchers and all those interested in enjoying the wonders of nature. Larger school and community groups are welcome to make appointments for guided tours by calling 565-2063

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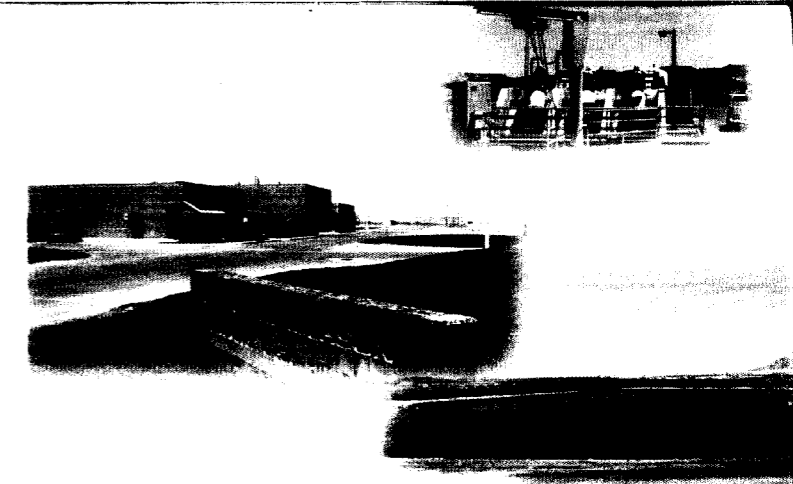
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CITY OF HENDERSON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AND BIRD VIEWING PRESERVE

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GIVING WATER A SECOND CHANCE...

The primary purpose of the Henderson Water Reclamation Facility is to treat and reclaim the 15 million gallons of wastewater that pours into its headworks each and every day of the year. Servicing an area of over 80 square miles, this state-of-the-art advanced wastewater treatment plant provides everything from secondary treatment to biological removal of ammonia, chemical removal of phosphorus, filtration to disinfection and dechlorination. This thorough treatment process prepares the wastewater to be safely and effectively returned to the environment.



Following the completed treatment, the cleaned water is returned to Lake Mead or reused for irrigation of golf courses and large landscape areas. The City of Henderson utilizes more reused or recycled water than any other community in Nevada thus giving our water a second chance to serve our residents. But our utilization of water resources doesn't stop there.



Long-Billed Dowitcher

...AND MORE

While the Water Reclamation Facility is first and foremost a wastewater treatment plant, we have maximized the usefulness of our resources further by creating a protected habitat for birds which provides an exciting, educational opportunity for our community.

Should you feed the birds? Never! They might seem to like an easy handout, but the birds will do much better eating food which is readily available in their natural habitat.



*(Above) Great Blue Heron in flight
(Below) American Kestrel*

A SITE TO SEE

For over 20 years people have come to the Henderson Water Reclamation Facility to watch various species of birds make a glorious spectacle of themselves. Diving, soaring, playing and nesting, the birds provide a wonderful panorama of nature's beauty and serenity in an otherwise busy urbanized community.

Now, officially designated as the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, more than 90 acres of lagoons, ponds, and reclaimed water facilities provide a protected nesting and feeding habitat for over 200 resident and migratory birds. The preserve is surveyed each year as part of the nationwide Point Reyes Bird Observatory Pacific Flyway Project.

The Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve offers an ideal opportunity for families to explore nature together. It's easy, fun, inexpensive, healthful and educational. Just remember: "Take your curiosity, cameras and binoculars; leave behind only your footprints."



Great Blue Heron